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WASHINGTON, July 25, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 20 totaled an estimated 17.0 billion ton-miles, 5.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 497.2 billion ton-miles, down 3.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 20 totaled 367,786, down 8.4 percent from last year, but 8.6 percent higher than the preceding week, which was the second week of the annual coal miners' vacation. Compared with last year, loadings were down 14.2 percent in the East, 6.7 percent in the South and 5.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 12 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 13 totaled 82,590 trailers and/or containers, 2.1 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of the year was 2,359,649 trailers and/or containers, down 3.1 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/20/85:

	Loadings in Week ended July 20, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	21,405	D	6,764	24.0	D	3,639	14.5
Other farm products	2,971	D	539	15.4	D	489	14.1
Metallic ores	14,123	D	3,968	21.9	I	620	4.6
Coal	107,267	D	18,494	14.7	I	21,006	24.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,450	I	705	5.5	I	412	3.2
Nonmetallic minerals	12,681	I	855	7.2	I	1,580	14.2
Grain mill products	9,644	D	60	0.6	I	118	1.2
Food and kindred products	11,116	I	268	2.5	I	567	5.4
Primary forest products	10,927	D	2,531	18.8	D	353	3.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,152	I	178	2.6	I	632	9.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,911	D	1,508	10.5	D	57	0.4
Chemicals and allied products	21,671	D	1,614	6.9	D	603	2.7
Petroleum products	4,851	I	60	1.3	I	146	3.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,410	D	746	6.7	D	194	1.8
Coke	4,357	D	759	14.8	D	834	16.1
Metals and products	9,251	I	239	2.7	I	692	8.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,305	I	1,014	5.5	I	3,083	19.0
Waste and scrap materials	8,460	D	468	5.2	I	632	8.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,541	D	502	7.1	I	585	9.8
All other carloads	59,107	I	1,014	1.7	I	5,004	9.2
LCL traffic	186	I	54	40.9	I	77	70.6
Total Cars Loaded	367,786	D	33,566	8.4	I	28,985	8.6
Corresponding week of 1984	401,352						

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (29 weeks)	10,773,960	11,392,731	D 5.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
28 Weeks ended July 13	480.2	498.7	D 3.7
Week ended July 20	17.0	18.0	D 5.7
29 weeks cumulative	497.2	516.7	D 3.8

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